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Selection and Application Guide to Ballistic-Resistant Body Armor

AGENCY: National Institute of Justice

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) announces publication of *Selection and Application Guide to Ballistic-Resistant Body Armor for Law Enforcement, Corrections and Public Safety*, NIJ Selection and Application Guide-0101.06. The document can be found here: <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/247281.pdf>. NIJ has developed this document to provide guidance concerning the selection, procurement, use, care and maintenance, and other considerations related to ballistic-resistant body armor. NIJ Guide-0101.06 is a companion document to NIJ Standard-0101.06, *Ballistic Resistance of Body Armor*.

The previous guide published by NIJ on body armor, NIJ Guide 100-01, *Selection and Application Guide to Personal Body Armor*, was released in 2001. NIJ Guide-0101.06 incorporates new knowledge about ballistic-resistant armor that has been gained

in the intervening 13 years as the result of both NIJ-funded research and research funded by others. Whereas NIJ Guide 100-01 deals with both ballistic- and stab-resistant armor, NIJ Guide-0101.06 deals only with ballistic-resistant armor. It supersedes those portions of NIJ Guide 100-01 that deal with ballistic-resistant armor. It does not supersede those portions that deal with stab-resistant armor. A separate guide on stab-resistant armor will be published when NIJ Standard-0115.00, *Stab Resistance of Personal Body Armor*, is updated. For more information about NIJ standards, please visit <http://nij.gov/standards>.

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